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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed for the Bureau and WFO are 10 and 5  
copies respectively of an LHM relevant to captioned organization.

Information copies of this airtel are being sent to WFO in view of the fact that a press conference is to be held in Washington, D. C. concerning the captioned organization.

Copies of the LHM have been sent to the Army, Navy, and Air Force in New York City.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 26, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to

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THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON  
WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

The January 20, 1970 issue of the "Daily World", contained in article entitled "Ready To Assist POW's Families".

The article dated January 19, 1970 is set forth as follows:

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"The Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam opened its doors at 365 West 42nd Street, in New York City today.

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"The committee, at the request of the North Vietnamese, will facilitate communication between families in the United States and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. It will receive letters from servicemen and forward them to the families at the rate of one a month. It will also forward letters and packages to North Vietnam at the request of relatives.

"According to Steve Halliwell, a spokesman, the committee will function entirely apart from the United States government. 'The families of the prisoners', he said, 'are in the middle of a propaganda ploy by the government that can only be intended to prolong the war by increasing hatred for the Vietnamese'.

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**THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON  
WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN**

"The group has made clear its belief that 'the safe return of these men (POW's) and the half million others that the U. S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels - who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience - can only come with a decision on the part of the U. S. government to withdraw from Vietnam'.

"Mrs. Cora Weiss, co-chairman of the Committee of Liaison, who visited North Vietnam last December and brought back the names of 132 prisoners, said that though papers in places as far away as Mexico City and Jerusalem were carrying these stories, the New York Times and the Washington Post had blacked them out.

"Mrs. Weiss charged that the story of the massacre by United States troops at Batnagan, in which 1,200 Vietnamese civilians had been taken out in ships and drowned had been completely ignored in this country. Mrs. Weiss said that during her visit to North Vietnam, a 21 year old Vietnamese woman, a survivor of the massacre, described how the victims were put in plastic bags, tied up with electric cord and dropped into the sea. Mrs. Weiss said she would present the details at a press conference in Washington, later this month."

The "Daily World" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (

DATE: 3/21/70

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re New York airtel and LHM to the Director  
dated 1/20/70.

On 3/12/70, Mr. [REDACTED] (Protect),

[REDACTED] made available the  
following information concerning the subscribers of  
telephone numbers 765-1490 and 427-7776:

765-1490 - Liaison Committee, 365 W. 42nd St.,  
New York City.

427-7776 - [REDACTED]  
New York City.

The New York indices contain no identifiable  
information concerning COATS.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/31/70

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-50739) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re New York airtel and LHM dated 1/26/70, captioned as above.

By LHM and airtel dated 1/29/70, captioned, "WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE, INFO CONCERNING - MISC.", WFO reported on Women Strike for Peace sponsored press conference held by CORA WEISS in the Cannon House Office Building, WDC, on 1/27/70.

Since captioned committee has no active branch in WDC, this matter is considered RUC.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: APR 6 1970

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: The Committee of Liaison With Families  
Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. Walters ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Casper ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Gale ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
Mr. Tavel ✓  
Mr. Soyars ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

Reference is made to previous information furnished by your Bureau concerning the above subject.

Enclosed for your information are copies of the following material which were made available to this Division in connection with the above subject:

1. Subject letter to the wife of a U.S. prisoner in Vietnam (name blanked out);
2. Information Sheet dated January 1970 allegedly disseminated by subject;
3. Press Release of March 25, 1970 by Congressman Wilson;
4. Press Release of March 18, 1970 by Congressman Wilson.

The information contained in the above enclosures indicates that the subject committee may have incurred an obligation to register in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act since it appears that at the request of a foreign government it has engaged in political activity within the United States on behalf of such foreign government. Prior to making a final determination as to such an obligation, it is desired that additional investigation be undertaken to develop, if possible, admissible evidence to establish that the subject committee is in fact acting

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within the United States at the request of the Government of North Vietnam, and that it is engaged in political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act or as a publicity agent as defined in Section 1(h) of the Act.

In this connection, it is desired that  *FOI-81-2 67c*

 be located and interviewed concerning their experiences with the subject committee and the correspondence they received from it.

It is also desired that other recipients of subject committee letters be located and interviewed, if possible, as to their experiences with the subject committee.

It is also desired that efforts be made to determine whether the mimeographed letter and the Information Sheet of January 1970 (enclosures 1 and 2 above) were in fact prepared and disseminated by the subject committee. Also whether other printed material has been prepared, distributed or disseminated by the subject committee.

It will also be helpful to know whether the subject committee is engaged in activities other than those described in the enclosures.

Enclosures

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March 25, 1970

Mr. James Weldon  
Chief of Registration Section  
United States Department of Justice  
Room 414, Federal Triangle Bldg.  
915 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Weldon:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of yesterday, I am enclosing the material we discussed about the possibility that a newly-formed committee of the "peace movement" might be liable to the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

This material has been provided by Congressman Bob Wilson, of California, who received it from wives of U.S. military personnel who are prisoners in North Vietnam. The name of one recipient was withheld, as you will see from the copy. She feared retaliation against her husband. Identification and any other information required could be provided to your Department.

I am also enclosing a self-explanatory press release based upon a communication sent to your Department today by Congressman Wilson.

Please advise if I may be of service as I am continuing to pursue this issue.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam  
365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036 (212) 765-1490

*Eyan  
Rountree  
Attorney*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

We are enclosing a letter to you from \_\_\_\_\_ written from a camp of detention in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The letter is forwarded to you through the newly formed Committee of Liaison of which we are members.

This letter, along with 68 others, was recently handed to Louis Schneider by Vietnamese authorities in Hanoi, and he mailed them to us from Hong Kong. This was in line with a system for handling such letters which has been opened up to our Committee by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

The Committee of Liaison is composed of individuals active in the American peace movement and opposed to the U.S. military intervention in Vietnam. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured American in detention camps in North Vietnam and their families in the United States.

Please excuse the fact that this letter is dictated rather than typed on letterhead. We are a new committee and we want you to receive the enclosed without delay. Therefore we are mailing this letter immediately without waiting for printed letterhead and envelope.

We shall send you further information within the next few days regarding the liaison services our Committee is now able to perform.

In closing we wish to express the deep hope that the U.S. government will come to its senses, withdraw its armed forces from Vietnam, and thus make it possible for the families, both American and Vietnamese which have been separated as a result of this cruel war, to be reunited.

Sincerely yours,  
For the Committee of Liaison

*Richard Fernandez*     *Stewart Nozchen*     *Ethel Taylor*  
Richard Fernandez     Stewart Nozchen     Ethel Taylor  
Clergy and Laymen     American Friends     Women's Strike  
Concerned About Vietnam     Service Committee     for Peace

Other members of the Committee are: David Dellinger, Cora Weiss, Lonnie Davis, Anne Bennett, Ben Seitzman, Maggie Ooddes, Trudi Young, Steve Holliswell, Barbara Webster

## COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

*with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam*

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

212-765-1496

January, 1970

### Co-chairmen:

Dave Dellinger  
Cora Weiss

### Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

### Committee (in formation):

Rennie Davis  
Rev. Richard Fernandez  
Maggie Galdes  
Steve Halliwell  
Stewart Macdonald  
Prof. Ben Spitzman  
Ethel Taylor  
Barbara Webster  
Thad Young  
Staff

### INFORMATION SHEET

#### Background

In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released MLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

#### Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman  
serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots  
Captured in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Viet

via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released; apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and material.

Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

From the Office of  
Rep. Bob Wilson (R., Calif.)  
2235 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Wednesday, March 25, 1970

WASHINGTON -- Citing evidence obtained by the wives of American prisoners of war held by North Vietnam, Rep. Bob Wilson, California Republican, today asked the Justice Department to require a committee led by David Dellinger and Mrs. Cara Weiss to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Rep. Wilson made the request in a letter to Attorney-General John N. Mitchell. He stated that the committee has now virtually admitted that it is "functioning at the request, direction, or control of the North Vietnamese Government." The Committee was charged with "cynical exploitation of the POW's."

The Congressman said that "registration would involve compliance with a disclosure statute requiring a statement of financial sources and an explanation of how trips to Hanoi by the co-chairmen, Mr. Dellinger and Mrs. Weiss, and others, were financed."

He pointed out that the Dellinger-Weiss group, calling itself the "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam," has stated that "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (Hanoi) has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured airmen in detention camps in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States." The Committee also asserted that "safe return" of POW's "can only come with a decision on the part of the U. S. Government to withdraw from Vietnam...the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U. S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and material."

The text of Rep. Wilson's letter follows:

The Hon. John N. Mitchell  
The Attorney-General  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I believe that evidence now exists to establish that a self-appointed group of American citizens is acting as an agent of North Vietnam in the issue of American prisoners of war and should be required to register under provision of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Reference is made to the so-called "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam." It functions from offices at 365 West 42nd St., New York,

N. Y., under the co-chairmanship of Dave Dellinger and Mrs. Cora Weiss with a membership including Rennie Davis and others.

The Committee has stated in letters to families of American POW's that "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (Hanoi) has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured airmen in detention camps in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States." This would appear to be an admission that the Committee is functioning at the request, direction, or control of the North Vietnamese Government. I see no reason why it should be exempted from the registration requirements applied to those who represent foreign governments.

Registration would involve compliance with a disclosure statute requiring a statement of financial sources and an explanation of how trips to Hanoi by the co-chairmen, Mr. Dellinger and Mrs. Weiss, and others, were financed. It would serve to identify the true character of Committee members who represent themselves to families of prisoners not as agents of Hanoi but as "individuals active in the American peace movement and opposed to the U. S. military intervention in North Vietnam."

The Dellinger-Weiss group has produced nothing of value to add to the information available to the distraught families of prisoners. Yet even such a well-known newspaper as the New York Times on March 18, 1970, has given an impression that the Dellinger-Weiss Committee has provided a real service. The newspaper failed to identify the membership of the Committee in so far as pertains to the role of members in radical and extremist causes.

The Committee has been subjecting distraught families to inflammatory propaganda against the Government. We have witnessed a callous exploitation of the plight of these prisoners and a cruel traffic in human misery. There have been suggestions from various radical sources that mothers, wives, and children of prisoners must join the "peace movement" to free various radicals, including Black Panthers, from prison sentences if Hanoi is to release the Americans held so long under such cruel circumstances. If such a quid pro quo is a condition for the release of our men, this and other information might emerge from any hearings that could ensue in connection with the registration proposal.

I am deeply troubled by reports that the delegation of North Vietnam in Paris has been telling wives of POW's to apply to the "Cora Weiss Peace Movement in New York" for information on whether their husbands are alive or dead. I have seen the flagrant anti-American propaganda that the Committee sends to dependents desperately in quest of help. I have heard the testimony of prisoners who escaped or were released.

Major James N. Rowe disclosed how elements of the "peace movement" in the United States provided information to Communist intelligence interrogators for use in the cross-examination effort to extract military information from the major. Lt. Robert F. Frishman, U. S. Navy, said the North Vietnamese "would provide information to a Mobilization Committee in New York and this is just increasing the plight of the wives, forcing them to go to this type of a group in order to obtain information which they should receive internationally."

The Dellinger-Weiss Committee has stated in an Information Sheet dated January, 1970, that "We firmly believe that the safe return of these men... can only come with a decision on the part of the U. S. Government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the Government to withdraw."

It was openly asserted by the Committee that "the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U. S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and material."

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I am enclosing the material in reference, including a letter from the Committee to the wife of a prisoner.

The problem of the 1,450 U. S. servicemen in Southeast Asia who are POW's or missing in action is a compelling and sacred trust to the U. S. Government. We believe that at least 372 are in captivity in North Vietnam. There may be more. But Hanoi cynically refuses to provide a complete list of living or dead Americans. I believe this refusal arises from Hanoi's determination to use these men as pawns in a propaganda play to enhance the role of the "peace movement," as bargaining material in any future negotiations, to conceal murders, and to create an impression that more POW's may be in their hands than actually might be the case.

The prisoners and their families deserve every consideration this nation can offer. The unscrupulous and cynical exploitation of the POW's by Hanoi and Hanoi's agents in this country requires the strongest possible response. Such a response would very properly include action by the Department of Justice to bring about registration under the provisions controlling foreign agents and the required disclosures.

Thank you for your kind attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Bob Wilson, M. C.



From the Office of  
Rep. Bob Wilson (R., Calif.)  
2235 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON -- Rep. Bob Wilson, California Republican, disclosed today that he has asked the State Department to provide all possible assistance through the U. S. Embassy in Paris to two wives of American P.O.W.'s who are threatened with arrest because of their attempts to obtain information from the North Vietnamese mission.

The women, Mrs. Susan Hanley, 21, of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Carolyn Dennison, 30, of Corpus Christi, Texas, were threatened with arrest while staging a sit-down strike in the offices of the North Vietnamese Mission. They demanded to know the fate of their husbands who were shot down Jan. 1, 1968. After police were summoned, the women left the mission but said they would not give up and remain in Paris.

Rejecting "a phony propaganda letter," the women demonstrated their response by tearing it to pieces on the sidewalk in front of the mission. The letter advised them to apply to the so-called "Cora Weiss Peace Movement in New York."

Rep. Wilson said "these two American wives are showing great courage in defying the agents of Hanoi. The least that our Government can do is to assure through the American Embassy in Paris that every assistance, including legal aid, is provided to protect them and afford them every facility in keeping with their right to protest and demonstrate. Their action dramatizes to all civilized people the cynical exploitation of human misery by North Vietnam and the role of an element of the peace movement as a propaganda instrument of Hanoi."

The Congressman said that "the indomitable spirit of these two young women, exercising their legitimate right of protest, is in the finest tradition of the American people. It deserves the full support of our Government. We must do more to achieve the release of the experience prisoners and respond to the example of these wives by new initiatives and new vigor in pressing for action."

March 18, 1970

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ReWFOtel dated 4/17/70 captioned matter.

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Bureau files disclose no references identifiable  
with [REDACTED] (phonetic) referred to in retel.

WFO should conduct appropriate investigation in  
an effort to identify [REDACTED]

Results of investigation should be submitted by  
LEH and this matter should receive prompt attention.

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NOTE:

WFO developed information from Metropolitan  
Police Department that [REDACTED] accompanied  
Charlotte Bunch-Weeks and Gerald Schwinn on a trip to Hanoi,  
North Vietnam, on 4/12/70. It was further stated that these  
four individuals hoped to remain in Hanoi for some two weeks  
where they would meet with Women's committees in North Vietnam  
to discuss the respective countries' peace movements.

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED

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WDC, NIGHT OF APRIL SIXTEEN LAST. HIS SOURCE STATED CHARLOTTE

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MPD SOURCE STATED QUESTIONS CONCERNING MODE OF TRAVEL AND ITINERARY WERE IGNORED.

PURPOSE OF TRIP SAID TO BE MEETINGS WITH WOMENS COMMITTEES IN NORTH VIETNAM TO DISCUSS THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES PEACE MOVEMENTS.

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Date: April 22, 1970

To: Director  
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Attention: Deputy Director for Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
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Washington, D. C., from a source considered reliable:

The source attended a Women's Liberation meeting  
at the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) in Washington, D. C.,  
during the evening of April 16, 1970. During that meeting  
it was disclosed that Charlotte Bunch-Weeks and Gerald Schwinn  
were accompanied on their trip to Hanoi, North Vietnam, by  
Frank Joyce (phonetic) and Elizabeth Sutherland Martinez  
(phonetic) who were not further identified. It was indicated  
that the four individuals departed from Washington, D. C.,  
on April 12, 1970, and hoped to remain in Hanoi for about  
two weeks where they would meet with women's committees in  
North Vietnam to discuss their respective countries' peace  
movements. The source added that the four individuals  
above were believed to have been associated with  
the IPS at one time or another and described the IPS as the  
Washington, D. C., based "think factory" of the New Left.

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It was also disclosed at the meeting that \$1500 was needed for the trip but only \$70 of that amount was collected before their departure. According to the source, questions raised during the meeting concerning the mode of travel and the itineraries of the four were ignored.

Efforts are being made to further identify Frank Joyce and Elizabeth Sutherland Martinez. You will be advised if pertinent information is developed.

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WFO is checking passport records at OSDS re WEEKS, SCHWINN, JOYCE and MARTINEZ.

Detroit and New York furnish Bureau any pertinent info in form suitable for dissemination. Bureau has instructed this matter be given prompt attention.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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April 24, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

On April 8, 1970, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that about 150 women got together at the William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street, Washington, D. C. (WDC), on the night of April 7, 1970, in what was billed as a "triple threat meeting" between members of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Women Strike for Peace (WSP) and Women's Liberation Movement (WLM). The meeting was held to familiarize each with the other's program, history and purposes.

Charlotte Bunch Weeks, representing WLM, was one of the speakers. After speaking about WLM, she announced that on Sunday, April 12, 1970, she, Jerry Schwinn of the Committee of Returned Volunteers (CRV), and two other unnamed persons, were departing for Hanoi, North Vietnam. She stated the four were going on behalf of captioned committee for the purpose of negotiating with the North Vietnamese concerning the latest list of American prisoners reportedly released by North Vietnam.

WILPF is an international women's pacifist organization founded by the late Jane Addams, noted social worker.

WSP is a national women's organization which has demonstrated against nuclear testing, the war in Vietnam and the draft.

WLM is a "radical" women's group which advocates complete equality for women.

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IPS was described in the April 27, 1967 issue of the "Washington, (D. C. ) Examiner", a former weekly newspaper of general circulation, as the "think tank of the New Left."

The 1969-70 Washington Area Telephone Directory lists Gerald A. Schwinn as residing at 1509 Q Street, N.W., WDC.

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The CRV is self-described as an independent national organization of United States citizens who have worked in Asia, Africa and Latin America, who seek fundamental changes in United States policies toward emerging communities at home and around the world.

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"CRV members have participated in peace demonstrations and marches ranging from the Pentagon to the Chicago convention..."

On April 17, 1970, a representative of the Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), advised that an MPD source, described as reliable, had attended a WLM meeting held the night before at IPS. This source learned that Charlotte Bunch Weeks and Gerald Schwinn were accompanied to Hanoi by Frank Joyce (phonetic) and Elizabeth Sutherland Martinez (phonetic), all believed by source to have been associated with IPS at one time or another. The group hoped to spend two weeks in North Vietnam, but expected to be there only one week.

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A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Frank Joyce attended the National Convention of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), held at East Lansing, Michigan, on June 10-15, 1968, and was a member of a discussion panel on racism.

Above representative further advised that Elizabeth Sutherland Martinez referred to by MPD source is a white female who was associated with the New York City office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), at one time and was active in Cuban action groups in that city. In November, 1968, Martinez was reported to be in New Mexico, where she was active in various Cuban action groups.

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The SDS and SNCC are described in separate appendix pages.

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APPENDIX

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."



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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

The PLP is characterized separately in the Appendix.

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## APPENDIX

### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventurist, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing

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STUDENT NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

A source advised the Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC), formerly known as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, is a nonmembership organization founded in 1960, during the civil rights movement in the South.

Under the leadership of Stokely Carmichael, who served as National Chairman during the period 1966-67, SNCC evolved from a civil rights oriented group into a full-blown black revolutionary organization.

A publication entitled "1967 High Tide of Black Resistance" indicates the year 1967 was considered by SNCC as a historic milestone for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. The publication declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus--the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers, forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellion when oppression became too great."

A second source advised that H. Rap Brown succeeded Carmichael as National Chairman of SNCC in May, 1968, and served in that capacity until June, 1968, at which time SNCC reorganized, creating ten deputy chairmen in an effort to relieve pressure by law enforcement.

In April, 1969, SNCC moved its national headquarters from Atlanta, Georgia, to New York City, where it is presently located.

H. Rap Brown announced at a press conference in New York City on July 22, 1969, that he had been elected Chairman of the Student Non violent Coordinating Committee. He announced the organization was dropping the word "Nonviolent" from its title and will be known as the Student National Coordinating Committee, with a Revolutionary Political Council functioning as its governing body. Brown, at that time, announced the use of force is necessary in obtaining

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# Memorandum

TO : Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: APR 14 1970

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: The Committee of Liaison With Families of  
Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.  
Registration Act

This is in further reference to our memorandum of April 6, 1970 regarding the captioned organization.

I am enclosing copies of two news articles from the April 8, 1970 issue of the Washington Post and the April 9, 1970 issue of the Evening Star. In the last paragraph of the Post article, Mrs. Cora Weiss is represented as having referred to an agreement reached in Hanoi by her committee. We would appreciate your determining to whom the statement was made, the circumstances under which it was made, and the willingness of such person to cooperate should their testimony on this matter be required at a later date.

With respect to the Star article, the wife of the missing serviceman, Mrs. Jane Plowman, has indicated that she and other wives have been pressured by certain peace groups to join them in exchange for receiving letters from their Prisoner of War husbands. This play seems to be consistent with the activities of the captioned organization as reflected in the information furnished in our April 6, 1970 memorandum.

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Wash. Evening Star  
April 9, 1970

# POW Wives Pressed To Join 'Peaceniks'

BY DONNIE RADCLIFFE  
Star Staff Writer

Wives of some 1,500 American POWs and MIAs (missing in action) in North Vietnam are being pressured to join "peacenik" groups of all political stripes, one of the wives said yesterday.

Some groups promise the wives information about their husbands; others dangle such hopeful rewards as letters from the captive servicemen or even their release.

There is always a catch, according to Mrs. James Plowman, wife of a Navy officer listed as MIA since 1967.

"And frankly, some of the wives don't know what to do," she told a luncheon meeting of the Navy Civil Engineers Corps Officers Wives Club at Ft. McNair.

"We hate being crusading, marching, banner-waving women. We'd much rather stay home and wash clothes."

## Latest Pressure

But the latest pressure from what she calls extreme right and left wing peace groups is mounting so noticeably that she feels it is imperative for Congress to "do something."

"Most of the wives are trying to maintain a middle of the road policy," she said about "this totally humanitarian—not political—question of prisoners."



—Star Photographer Pete Schmitt

MRS. JAMES PLOWMAN - PHOTOGRAPH

She confessed there are times when she, the mother of a three-year-old child "whose father does not know even exists," is so despondent that "I don't care if the devil brings it to me, I'll take a letter from my husband if there are no strings attached."

Congress could do more, she believes, and this week she said she had been "pounding the floors" of the Capitol to talk with legislators or their aides.

## Not the Answer

"It's easy for them to talk withdrawal but the families of the POWs believe that's not the answer. It won't bring their men home."

Promises by some senators to "put the pressure on" the Defense and State Departments is fine, she said.

"But who's putting the pressure on Congress?"

What she and the other wives would prefer to see, she said, is pressure exerted on the executive branch by Congress, "a vote that would convince the President."

"Congress got us into this position. They sent these men into a limited war with a limited objective. As for their (the Congress') efforts, that's limited also."

Instead, she said that "Congress expects us to give them a plan."

She admits that she personally does not have the answer.

"But I know that apathy won't get us anywhere."

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**More Names  
Of Prisoners  
Are Listed**

The anti war Committee of Liaison said yesterday it had confirmation from Hanoi of 81 more American servicemen being held as prisoners by the North Vietnamese.

Issuing the list of names in New York was Cora Weiss, committee co-chairman, who said that her group now has confirmation of a total of 335 prisoners.

A Pentagon spokesman said only eight of the 81 new prisoners names were "new"—that they had been carried on unpublished Pentagon lists as "missing in action" rather than as "prisoner of war".

The Pentagon said it would continue to carry the eight as missing until letters from the men reached their families.

Mrs. Weiss said that under the agreement reached during a visit to Hanoi last December, her group would be notified in advance by the North Vietnamese that mail packets were en route from prisoners of war and the identities of letter-writers.

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ReWFOtel, 4/23/70, NYtel, 4/22/70.

Attempts in contacting appropriate sources in NY area in an effort to obtain information on name release of prisoner in North Vietnam have proved negative to date.

The Committee of Returned Volunteers (CRV), NY Chapter Newsletter, undated, reflecting their May, 1970 schedule, was received through the NYO confidential mailbox on 4/27/70 (protect-reliable). Page one of the Newsletter indicates GERRI SCHWIM, CRV National Chairman is "Now visiting Hanoi."

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TO DIRECTOR

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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FROM NEW YORK 100-168469

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM, INFORMATION CONCERNING DASH IS.

REWFOTEL TO THE DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SEVENTEEN,  
LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE USN [REDACTED] NISO, NYC, ADVISED  
THAT HIS OFFICE WAS MADE AWARE THIS DATE THAT AN NBC TV  
AFFILIATE, CHANNEL TEN, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, HAD A NEWS CAST ON  
APRIL TWENTY ONE, LAST, PM WHICH REPORTED THAT NBC HAS A LIST  
OF SOME ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY UNITED STATES PRISONERS OF WAR  
WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY RELEASED BY HANOI. THIS LIST IS TO BE  
RELEASED ON THE NBC PRIME TV NEW SHOW "THE HUNTLEY BRINKLEY  
NEWS CAST". NO DATE WAS GIVEN WHEN THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED  
THROUGH AN INTERVIEW OF AN UNKNOWN WOMAN WHO REPORTEDLY  
TRAVELED TO HANOI TO OBTAIN THESE NAMES.

NEW YORK AND WFO SHOULD CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES TO  
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OBTAIN THE LIST AND ALSO ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN THE NAMES OF THE  
PRISONERS OF WAR RELEASED BY HANOI.

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REWFOTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

LOGICAL AIRLINE FLIGHTS DEPARTING NEW YORK ON  
SUNDAY, APRIL TWELVE, LAST, WERE CONTACTED IN AN EFFORT  
TO DETERMINE TRAVEL OF JERRY SCHWINN AND CHARLOTTE BUCH-WEEKS,  
ALONG WITH TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE.  
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS A GROUP DEPARTING SUNDAY, APRIL  
TWELVE, LAST; TIME UNKNOWN.

APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT CORA  
WEISS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, DID NOT DEPART NEW YORK TO HANOI  
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FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST CONCERNING CAPTIONED  
COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE FOR CONTACT.

ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE SOURCES CONTACTED COULD  
FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

WFO RECONTACT SOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

NEW YORK WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE. (P)

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM WASHINGTON FIELD

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IN NORTH VIETNAM, INFORMATION CONCERNING DASH INTERNAL SECURITY.

REFERENCED WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE, APRIL SEVEN-  
TEEN; NEW YORK TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-TWO, LAST.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (WFO) SOURCES HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF  
INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING TO HANOI, OTHER THAN FOUR MENTIONED IN  
REFERENCED WFO TELETYPE.

ON INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED] NAVAL INVESTIGATION SER-  
VICE OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED HE UNDERSTANDS NATIONAL  
BROADCASTING COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, INTER-  
VIEWED WIFE OF NAVY PRISONER OF WAR LAST TUESDAY, APRIL TWENTY-  
ONE, LAST, NAMED MRS. (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) WILBUR (PHONETIC),

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CONCERNING APPEARING ON QUOTE THE HUNTLEY BRINKLEY NEWS CAST  
QUOTE. NO INDICATION FROM THIS INTERVIEW THAT UNKNOWN WOMAN  
WENT TO HANOI AND OBTAINED LATEST LIST OF PRISONERS.

ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASES DURING MARCH AND APRIL, SEVENTY,  
HAVE INDICATED CORA WEISS HAS BEEN RECEIVING NAMES OF PRISONERS  
OF WAR FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS, FRANCE.

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~~INLET.~~ Intelligence Letter

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NEW YORK REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS. WFO CHECKING PASSPORT RECORDS RE WEEKS AND SCHWINN.

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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Wounded Do Wasp:

A War Prisoner's Wife Asks Why Some  
Senators Don't Cry Out Against Hanoi 'As Well'

By Victor Riesel

New York: -- There come moments when neither men nor women who are making history, nor bits of history themselves, need a written prelude. So here is a letter from the wife of an American prisoner of war. Perhaps she is a widow.

This communication was sent to me by a disconsolate and discouraged young woman, seeking to strengthen support for the campaign of this column and International Longshoremen's Assn. (AFL-CIO) Executive Vice President John Bowers. We are trying to convince the Soviet Union to pressure the Hanoi government into releasing five American prisoners of war each time the dockwallopers broke their own boycott and serviced a Russian freighter or liner in the harbor here.

"Thank you for your help," she writes as one of the leaders of the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia. "Our men certainly need all the help they can get and yours is very valuable indeed. There are two or three areas which you might consider writing about which I feel would be helpful."

"For obvious reasons, I prefer not to be referred to by name about this, but these are some of the things that a wife of a war prisoner wonders about."

"We have repeatedly asked the most vociferous of the Vietnam war critics in the Senate to be equally vociferous about condemning Hanoi for their cruel and barbarous treatment of our men. Representatives from our group have made personal calls on Sen. Fulbright, Sen. McGovern, Sen. McCarthy, and Sen. Kennedy. They claim that the prisoner issue is separate from the political issues and that they have made statements to the press, which is true, but that the press did not give them good coverage on these statements."

"I asked Sen. McGovern's legislative assistant (the Senator was never able to see me himself) to ask Sen. McGovern to create opportunities to do this and I asked Sen. Fulbright himself to do the same...specifically on film and in the ways which would give their views on the prisoner issue the most exposure. They both said they would, Sen. Fulbright, in January and Sen. McGovern last August. The other two Senators told the wives who saw them that they would do everything they could to help the prisoners."

"I think these men understand what we are talking about and know just how to go about accomplishing this if they want to do so. I am perplexed about why they won't give equal time to condemning Hanoi for their treatment of our loved ones."

"We feel that their vociferous criticism of Hanoi would be extremely valuable because of their well-known positions on the war."

"I can only conclude that they hedge so about giving our men the help they need so badly because they feel it would dilute their attacks on the White House."

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therwise why will they not create opportunities to go on camera and condemn Hanoi loud and long about the prisoners? Also, when is the Senate Foreign Relations Committee going to conduct an investigation of the treatment of the prisoners? Why no interest by Sen. Fulbright thus far? He seems to investigate every other phase of the war in great detail. We don't understand some of these things and wish that someone, somewhere would ask the questions so they would have to be answered publicly."

From now on the POW wives will know that the questions have been asked on the record and publicly. When there are answers, we'll report them.

But back to the letter:

"Also, I feel that the American public," she writes "should understand how the peace groups are using the prisoners to serve Hanoi's propaganda purposes. David Dellinger and Cora Weiss are co-chairmen of a 'Committee of Liaison For Families of Captured and Missing Servicemen.' They say they want to help forward letters from the men..."

My correspondent says she believes this is a "sham." "There is nothing wrong with the direct postal service from Hanoi if the men are allowed to write and the letters are mailed. Why did not Cora Weiss ask some questions about the deaths of the five men whose families she notified the day before Christmas? Two of these wives went to see Mrs. Duckles in Berkeley (Calif.) personally. Mrs. Duckles made the trip to Hanoi in December with Mrs. Weiss and Mrs. Ethel Taylor. Mrs. Duckles said they had asked no questions but that Hanoi would not lie about a thing like that.

"Imagine not even asking any questions about the dead men. How could one woman relay such news to another woman without even having made further inquiry about the circumstances? Now the Committee of Liaison sends out letters to a few of the wives (of prisoners) at a time saying there are letters coming and that you are to receive one, causing even greater torment for those who do not know if their men are dead or alive.

"The peace groups release a few names at a time, most of them having been released many times before, but it is all to give the impression that Hanoi is sending out many names."

This, says my correspondent, tends to "make Hanoi look good."

"They have the list. They could give it to the Swedish government if they won't give it to ours. Sweden has released 14 names. Why no more? Why no explanation from Prime Minister (Olaf) Palme about this?"

It should be noted here that the Prime Minister is due in the U.S. late this spring -- and that President Nixon will not receive him.

"Remember, please, that I do not understand the intricacies of international relations," the young woman continues. "I feel terribly confused about so many of these things which involve so much that I do not understand. However, I have always thought that if one country (USSR) supplied most of the material for war to another country and you want to put pressure on the enemy who are treating your men cruelly you would greatly increase the pressure on the supplier of war materials (Russia).

"I have no way of knowing as I sit in my California living room, and my beloved sits in his North Vietnamese cell, if there is something more I can do to help him. How I wish I could have a vision that would tell me what is exactly the right thing to do, the thing he would want me to do above all others. We cannot solve the problem ourselves. We can only let the world know that it is there to be solved.

"If you can help us keep letting the world know that we are here and they are there...the truth about our desperate plight, we would be deeply grateful. I am so emotionally involved with my situation that I am often afraid I am unable to express myself clearly.

"Please forgive me. Let me know if you, as an objective observer, have any suggestions for us. Thank you for your genuine concern, Mr. Riesel."

To save her from ghoulish midnight phone calls I will not release her name. Nor do we wish to learn later her husband was tortured in reprisal.

This is no jingoism, no maudlin move. This letter is the anguished outcry of a young wife for the man she loves.

The Soviets could at least get their proteges to release a list disclosing whether women such as this one, of gut and heart, are wives or widows.

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Attached states that about 150 women met at the William Penn House in Washington, D. C., on 4-7-70. It was announced that three individuals will depart for Hanoi to negotiate with the North Vietnamese regarding the latest list of American prisoners recently released by North Vietnam.

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit. Pertinent parts will be included in teletype summary to the White House, Vice President, Attorney General, the military and Secret Service.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469) (P)

DATE: 5/13/70

SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
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ReBu routing slip with enclosures dated 5/4/70.

For the information of WFO, Bureau advised on referenced 0-7 to initiate Registration Act investigation in accordance with formal request received by the Bureau from the Department of Justice.

Appropriate character change has been included in title.

WFO is requested to ascertain from the Department of State, if in fact, the captioned organization or individual members are registered in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, Title 22, USC 611-621.

Individual committee members identified to date are CORA WEISS, DAVE DELLINGER, STEVE HALLIWELL (HOLLOWAY), RENNIE DAVIS, REV. RICHARD FERNANDEZ, MAGGIE GEDDES, STEWART MEACHAM, PROF. BEA SEITZMAN, ETHEL TAYLOR, BARBARA WEBSTER and TRUDI YOUNG.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 26, 1970.

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(yellow)

This is in further reference to our memoranda  
of April 6, and April 14, 1970.

On May 1, 1970 a member of our staff attended  
a hearing held by the Subcommittee on National  
Security Policy and Scientific Developments of the  
Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
Representatives. At that hearing Mrs. Theresa Wood  
of Tucson, Arizona, testified that her husband had  
been missing in action in Vietnam since February 6,  
1967; that in an attempt to obtain information about  
her husband she had written a letter to the North  
Vietnamese Embassies in Stockholm, Sweden and Paris,  
France on February 12, 1970, and that she had re-  
ceived a written reply to her letter in which she  
had been told that in order to obtain information  
about her husband her inquiries (whether oral or  
written) should be directed through the subject  
Committee. Mrs. Wood did not state in her testimony  
whether she had in fact contacted the Committee.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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We understand that the transcript of the hearing held by the Subcommittee on May 1, 1970 will be printed by the Government Printing Office and distributed by the Committee on Foreign Affairs but that it may be some time before the transcript will be available for general distribution.

Furthermore, the Attorney General recently met with representatives of the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia. They wanted to tell the Attorney General personally why they feel that the investigation of the Committee of Liaison should be pursued with vigor. I attended at the request of the Attorney General. One of the ladies suggested that the Government should get a copy of the tape of the Betsy Palmer TV Program called "Girl Talk" which was on the air sometime during the week of April 20. Apparently one of the members of the Liaison Committee was interviewed on that program. Please try to obtain a copy of that tape.

In discussing the Liaison Committee, the ladies indicated that members of that Committee had admitted to them or even claimed to them that they had been designated to represent Hanoi in reference to releasing information regarding American prisoners. One of them even indicated that a committee member by the name of Rev. Fernandez had told her that each of the committee members had personally been selected by the North Vietnamese Government.

Those present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Iris B. Powers

Orlando, Florida

Phone:

Mrs. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr.

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Phone:

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Mrs. David W. Winn (Mary F.)

[REDACTED]  
Minneapolis, Minnesota [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]

Mrs. James A. Mulligan, Jr.

[REDACTED]  
Virginia Beach, Va. [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Mrs. James B. Stockdale (Sybil)

[REDACTED]  
Coronado, California

Phone: [REDACTED]

*b7c* *for 8/12/22*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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To: SACs, New York (Enclosure)  
Houston (Enclosure)  
Minneapolis (Enclosure)  
Norfolk (Enclosure)

Phoenix (Enclosure)  
San Diego (Enclosure)  
Tampa (Enclosure)  
WFO (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT**

Enclosed for each recipient office is one copy of a letter dated 5-28-70, from Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice.

For the information of offices not in receipt of prior correspondence in this matter, the Department has requested an investigation of COLIFAM in view of indications this committee may have incurred the obligation to register in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act as it appears that at the request of a foreign government it has engaged in political activity within the United States on behalf of such foreign government.

New York refer to page two, paragraph three, of the enclosure and obtain a copy of the tape of the Betsy Palmer TV program, "Girl Talk" mentioned therein. This should be transcribed and any leads suggested therein should be immediately set forth.

San Diego, Tampa, Norfolk and Minneapolis refer to page two, paragraph two and those following, and interview the wives mentioned therein. Note that the Department is interested in obtaining as many details as possible in regard to the activities of COLIFAM in this country and its connections with the North Vietnamese Government.

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)**

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[REDACTED] stated that they know of no other COLIFAM activity in [REDACTED] stating that to their knowledge, their son is the only [REDACTED] resident who is being detained in North Vietnam. They have never been contacted personally by any member of captioned organization, except as indicated by cover letters accompanying their son's letters. They cannot identify any members of COLIFAM except as these names appeared on cover letters, which are the only circumstances under which they have been contacted, and neither [REDACTED] have ever been harrassed or cajoled as the result of their son's position. Only mail has been forwarded to them through the regular mail, no personal objects of their son, and no letters have ever been delivered personally by a third party.

The only statements made to them by COLIFAM are as indicated in the attached COLIFAM letter. They know of no other Prisoner of War families contacted by COLIFAM. [REDACTED] stated that he has not corresponded directly with COLIFAM concerning his son; however, he has acknowledged receipt of these letters by responding to the person or organization who forwarded the letter. [REDACTED] stated that he would retain any correspondence received from COLIFAM in the future and make it available to the FBI.

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Airtel to New York

RE: Committee of Liaison with Families of  
Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

For the information of Norfolk, "The Washington Daily News" edition of 1-28-70, contained an article concerned with a press conference held by COLIFAM leader, Cora Weiss, on 1-27-70, in Washington, D. C. According to the article, Mrs. Edwin (Sue) Shuman and Mrs. Dale (Martha) Doss, both of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and whose husbands are POW's, were present at this press conference. b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c

Persons interviewed during the course of this investigation should be advised that it is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley.

I want to impress upon each recipient the fact that the insidious activities of COLIFAM have aroused considerable interest in Congress and, as noted in the enclosure, the Attorney General has met with wives of the POW's. It is therefore absolutely essential that this investigation receive preferred investigative and administrative handling. Every effort must be taken to insure our investigation is prompt and complete.

NOTE:

COLIFAM was organized in January, 1970, and is made up of individuals connected with the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. Its co-chairmen are Dave Dellinger and Cora Weiss who are also National Co-chairmen of the New Move. The North Vietnamese, for obvious propaganda reasons, have chosen to deal with members of this committee in releasing information regarding American POW's. Congressional and Administrative interest dictates the necessity for the above instructions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/10/70

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-2693) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN VIETNAM  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: NY)

Re Bureau R/S to HO, 5/4/70 and Buairtel to NY,  
etc. 5/28/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and four copies  
of LHM re results of investigation conducted by the Houston  
Office in captioned matter. Two copies of this LHM are for-  
warded to the New York Office.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Persons interviewed during the course of this investi-  
gation were advised it was being conducted at the specific  
request of AAG J. WALTER YEAGLEY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Houston, Texas  
June 10, 1970

THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;  
REGISTRATION ACT

On May 4, 1970, it was ascertained that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]  
Texas. [REDACTED]

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*to [unclear]*

*7-29-93*

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[redacted] furnished the following information: her husband was commissioned as a U.S. Navy pilot, and was assigned to flight operations in Vietnam. [redacted] in 1968, he was on a reconnaissance flight over North Vietnam and his plane reportedly lost radio contact and disappeared from the radar screen. Thereafter, he was reported as missing in action. To date, no information has been received concerning his whereabouts nor confirming his death. b2c

About January, 1970, the wife of [redacted] who was likewise listed as missing in action in Vietnam, made a trip to Paris, France, to contact the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. They granted her an audience and told her that her husband had never been a Prisoner of War (POW) and was apparently deceased. Upon learning of results obtained by Mrs. [redacted] in her visit, Mrs. [redacted] decided to make a trip to Paris. She went to Washington, D.C. and contacted the State Department and was urged to make the trip. b2c

Thereafter on February 27, 1970, she sent a telegram to XUAN OANH, Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 2 Rue Leverrier, Paris, stating, "Beg status of husband, [redacted] Missing in action over North Vietnam since [redacted] 68. If no reply, I will come Paris immediately". She received no reply, and proceeded with making arrangements for the trip to Paris. b2c

She left [redacted] by plane and proceeded to New York City on or about March 9, 1970. She met [redacted] wife of [redacted] who had been in the same plane with [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] having proceeded from [redacted] to meet her. b2c

Upon arrival in New York, she telephoned her mother at [redacted] to check on her two children. At that time, her mother advised her a telegram had arrived for her, from Paris, in the French language, from the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The telegram read as follows:

"Pilotes Americains captures au North Vietnam ent

On 6/8/70 at [redacted] Texas File # HO 105-2693

SA [redacted] 6/9/70  
by [redacted] Date dictated [redacted] b2c form

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"ete autorises a correspondre avec familles priere contacter Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 365 West 42 Street, New York. DELEGALVIET". This telegram was dated March 9, 1970.

She was in contact with the U.S. Navy officers in New York and they suggested she ignore the telegram and proceed to Paris. That evening U.S. Navy officers checked at 365 West 42nd Street, New York and advised her this was a dingy walkup building, with door locked. She attempted to telephone CORA WEISS, having been advised she was one of the chairmen of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She received no answer when she made the telephone calls.

She left New York and proceeded by plane to Paris, arriving on March 10, 1970. She wrote registered letters to the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, requesting a personal audience. She telephoned and talked to a secretary who spoke in French and who advised her it was up to the U.S. Government to furnish her information concerning her missing husband.

The second week she wrote additional letters and made additional telephone calls. At that time, persons in the Delegation began to urge her to work through the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). During the latter part of the second week, she telephoned and was told that she and [REDACTED] could come to the Delegation Office, that a letter had been prepared, setting out the information they were seeking. They went to the Delegation Office and each was handed a letter. The letters were identical and told them nothing, but did suggest they contact the New York Committee of Liaison with Families of American Servicemen Captured in North Vietnam. b7c b7c 301-212-2

[REDACTED] tore her letter in pieces and cried. [REDACTED] asked a (female) secretary if there were any member of the Delegation with whom they might speak and was told there was no one available. She asked how long it would be and said she would not mind waiting another hour since she had come to Paris for this purpose. The secretary

became very excited and called the French police, stating the women had refused to leave. They remained about fifteen minutes and left the office, at which time they encountered a number of reporters and other representatives of the news media, who interviewed them. *b7c* *HO 105-2693*

*b7c* [redacted] left for her return trip to the U.S. [redacted] stayed three or four days longer, during which time she wrote two more letters and talked by telephone to the Delegation. She was repeatedly told she would have to deal with COLIFAM. She left Paris on or about March 25, 1970 and flew to New York.

She was met at the airport by U.S. Navy officers. She telephoned CORA WEISS, having previously talked to other U.S. Navy wives who had advised that CORA WEISS had been to Hanoi and had reportedly returned with letters from some Prisoners of War. CORA WEISS apparently knew about the trip to Paris, having followed it in the news media and she stated she would wait at her office after [redacted] requested to see her. *b7c* *HO 105-2693*

She went to the COLIFAM office, which was in a run down building, door being locked. She rang the bell and CORA WEISS came downstairs to admit her. She met several committee members, RENNIE DAVIS, MAGGIE GEDDES and two or three young "hippie type" girls. There were three telephones in the office space and during the time she was present, several calls were received from different parts of the U.S.

CORA WEISS told her that she should not have gone to Paris, that she should have worked through the Committee of Liaison. She stated in no uncertain terms that any information would come only through the Committee.

CORA WEISS said she had been to Hanoi three times and other Committee members had likewise made trips there. She displayed pictures of herself at Hanoi with persons allegedly Prisoners of War. She said she had obtained numerous letters from POWs to their families and had delivered them. She also displayed photographs of the destruction caused by American bombings. [redacted] told her she had not come to discuss the war with her. CORA WEISS agreed to try to obtain information regarding [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] said she *b7c* *HO 105-2693*



HO 105-2693

had the feeling CORA WEISS already knew his fate. CORA WEISS mentioned she obtained three lists of POWs from the North Vietnamese.

She also mentioned that the Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ, member of the Committee, was leaving in a few days for Hanoi and that he would take a request concerning [REDACTED]. However, she indicated the response would be negative. CORA WEISS said she would call or wire Mrs. [REDACTED] when FERNANDEZ returned from Hanoi. However, she did not hear from her thereafter.

b7c At the time of this visit to the Committee Office, CORA WEISS gave her a printed news release, which Mrs. [REDACTED] made available.

Ho 12812-2  
She returned to [REDACTED] and telephoned CORA WEISS after hearing nothing from her. She was unable to reach her, but later CORA WEISS telephoned her and stated that FERNANDEZ and another group had gone to Hanoi and had requested information regarding [REDACTED]. They were told that lists of all POWs had been released previously and that letters from all POWs to their families had been delivered, and accordingly, it was presumed that [REDACTED] was not a prisoner. This last conversation with CORA WEISS was about four to six weeks ago. b7c

Ho 12812-2  
CORA WEISS had the lists of POWs and persons to whom the letters had been delivered. She seems to be the only person associated with the only group obtaining information. She stated to Mrs. [REDACTED] there are approximately 360 confirmed POWs and CORA WEISS stated there are no more. b7c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she considered it deplorable that families of missing servicemen should have to deal with the Committee. However, in view of the fact this has apparently been the only source of information from the North Vietnamese, she regards it as better than nothing, and observed she is of the opinion it would be a loss if CORA WEISS and the Committee were stopped from their liaison role.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished the following items, xerox copies of which were prepared with originals returned to Mrs. [REDACTED]. b7c

HO 105-2693

Telegram dated March 9, 1970 from the Delegation  
of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, to Mrs.  
[REDACTED] b7c b7c

Letter handed to Mrs. [REDACTED] by the Delegation  
at Paris

Release handed to Mrs. [REDACTED] by CORA WEISS at  
New York. b7c

Xerox copies of these items are attached next following.

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MRS [REDACTED] (TEX)

PILOTES AMERICAINS CAPTURES AU NORTHVIETNAM ONT ETE AUTORISES  
A CORRESPONDRE AVEC FAMILLES PRIERE CONTACTER COMMITTEE OF  
LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTHVIETNAM  
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2522 365 42 10036.

*Miss Salt*  
*847-8768*

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**POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
VIET-NAM ON US PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIET-NAM**

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam has on repeated occasions set forth the following:

On orders from the United States Government, American pilots came to bomb North Viet-Nam. They destroyed many cities, towns, churches, and pagodas and massacred a great number of Vietnamese civilians, including women and children. They were captured in the act of committing a crime and they come under the jurisdiction of the government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam. In adhering to the 1949 Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam made explicit reservations in Article 85. However, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam has followed a humanitarian policy in their regard. All are authorized to correspond with their families. As for those who are missing, the American Government is answerable to their families and must bear responsibility.

The American Government, in speaking of the so-called "release of a list of pilots", only intends to mislead American and world public opinion which demands that the United States put an end to the war of aggression it is waging in South Viet-Nam and immediately and totally withdraw all its troops without posing any conditions.

Paris, March 18, 1970

Prompted by our humanitarian policy regarding the question of American pilots captured in North Viet-Nam during the American war of aggression against our people, we have already answered your requests for information on the fate of your husbands and explained at the same time the policy of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

If you have already contacted the New York Committee of Liaison With Families of American Servicemen Captured in North Viet-Nam, you should give that Committee the necessary time to have information to give you.

In addition, your request will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Office of the Delegate General of  
the Government of the Democratic  
Republic of Viet-Nam

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Mrs. [REDACTED]

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## COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

*with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam*

365 West 42nd Street New York N.Y. 10036

212-765-1490  
Cable address: COLIAFAM

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Co-chairman:  
Dave Dellinger  
Cora Weiss

COMMUNICATION WITH CAPTURED AIRMEN

Treasurer:  
Mrs. Anne Bennett

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#### Committee (in formation):

Rennie Davis  
Rev. Richard Fernandez  
Maggie Gaddis  
Steve Halliwell  
Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Ben Saltzman  
Ethel Taylor  
Barbara Webster  
Fred Young  
"staff"

Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressees. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures. "This has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by the American Red Cross and the American Friends Service Committee," he said.

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Other persons participating in the press conference included Rennie

Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Bea Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

## Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the name of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners it hopes to aid. She said 69 letters from 64 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each monthly to relatives held prisoner.

Mrs. Weiss, national head of the Women's Strike for Peace and a co-chairman of the New

## Foes of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O.W.'s

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founders said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to send all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee,

which will have offices at 365 West 42d Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. She

said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to North Vietnam, "assuming that Western Union will send our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the airman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mr. Weiss said, Hanoi will respond by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from men known to be held in North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedure to be followed.

She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive one letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in this country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

from The New York Times, 1/16/70

FBI

Date: 6/12/70

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On 6/11/70, Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
both of [REDACTED] Virginia, whose husbands are  
Navy Officers, POW in North Vietnam, were interviewed.

Both related that on 6/10/70, they appeared as  
witnesses before the Subcommittee of a House Committee on  
Internal Security and testified to their dealings with the  
captioned committee.

It is noted that both of these women had met with  
a representative of the North Vietnamese Delegation in Paris,  
France, and later had conferred with representative of the  
International Red Cross at Geneva, Switzerland.

Their visit to Paris was to ask the North Vietnamese  
for the release of [REDACTED] and wounded prisoners and to create  
publicity.

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Their purpose in visiting the Red Cross in Geneva was to urge the Red Cross to press the North Vietnamese to allow inspection of POW camps. Both stated that by doing this they knew that they were generating considerable publicity over the treatment of POW by Hanoi.

Both women stated that following their return from Paris, France, in October, 1969, Attorney JERRY KUNSTLER went to confer with the Hanoi representatives in Paris, and when he returned to the United States, he held a press conference at Chicago, Illinois, stating that he was forming a committee to handle POW mail. *Q.P.*

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WFO should contact the Committee on Internal Security, U. S. House of Representatives for pertinent information concerning COLIFAM which was developed during hearings.

Chicago should report pertinent information concerning the press conference reportedly held by JERRY KUNSTLER.

Enclosed to Bureau, WFO and New York copy of press release from House Committee on Internal Security.

NEWS RELEASE

FROM: House Committee on Internal Security

RELEASE: June 8, 1970

WASHINGTON -- One of the top officials of the Communist Party, U. S. A., has been subpoenaed to appear Thursday before a Congressional subcommittee investigating activities of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (New Mobe), Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Edwin W. Edwards, D-La., announced today.

He is Arnold S. Johnson of New York City, public relations director for the Communist Party in this country, and also a member of the New Mobe steering committee.

Edwards' subcommittee of the House Committee on Internal Security is resuming its inquiry into activities of the New Mobe in a series of hearings scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, and conclude Thursday.

Johnson's affiliation with both the Communist Party and New Mobe make him an obvious witness in the effort to determine what, if any, effect the Party has in directing New Mobe activities, Edwards said.

Other witnesses will include Washington, D. C., Police Chief Jerry Wilson and the wives of two American prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

The wives are Mrs. Dale Doss and Mrs. Edwin A. Schuman, III, both of Virginia Beach, Va.

The wives' testimony will primarily relate to a group known as the "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam." This group was formed in January, 1970, by David Dellinger and Cora Weiss, both of New York City. They are also co-chairmen and active members of the New Mobe steering committee. All told, six officers of Liaison are New Mobe leaders.

Mrs. Doss and Mrs. Schuman have taken the position that the group stands for everything their husbands were fighting against.

Asserting that matters concerning their husbands should be handled either by the United States and North Vietnamese governments or some neutral body such as the Red Cross, they have gone to the extent of refusing mail from the Liaison Committee despite possibilities that it contains letters from their POW husbands.

Two documentary films will be shown during the hearings: "Some to Demonstrate, Some to Destroy," an account of the Nov. 15, 1969, Moratorium filmed by the Washington, D. C., Police Dept., and "In the Name of Peace . . ." a private documentary which includes statements by New Mobe leaders -- including Arnold Johnson -- of their aims and objectives.

Other members of the Subcommittee besides Chairman Edwards are Reps. William J. Scherle, R-Iowa, and Louis Stokes, D-Ohio.

The hearing schedule is: Tuesday, Chief Wilson; Wednesday, POW wives; and Thursday, Arnold Johnson. The films will be shown at the Tuesday and Wednesday hearings.

Wednesday and Thursday hearings will begin at 10 a.m. All will be held in the Committee's chamber, Room 311 Cannon building.

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SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, 5/28/70 with enclosure.

Enclosed herewith are eleven (11) copies to the Bureau  
and two (2) each to recipient offices of an LHM regarding  
captioned group suitable for dissemination.

One (1) information copy of LHM is enclosed for  
Minneapolis, San Diego, and WFO in view of their interest in  
captioned group.

Interview with Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ conducted by SA \_\_\_\_\_

During interview, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ advised that  
she had recently received a telephone call from Lt. T. A. WATT,  
Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, Orlando, Florida. He  
advised her that he had been contacted by a KENNETH KILPATRICK  
from the American Friends Service Committee, and she was told  
that KILPATRICK was going to Hanoi in the near future and  
would be willing to take letters with him. KILPATRICK said

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to send any letters to 814 Northeast 40th Street, Seattle, Washington, 98105.

This information not set forth in details since it did not pertain specifically to captioned group, however, it is set forth above for the information of the Bureau.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to USA, Tampa; MI and NISO, Orlando; and OSI, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

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AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA

Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] and obtain all information available with regards to captioned group. *601-12-2*

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AT [REDACTED] FLORIDA

1. Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] with regards to captioned group and obtain names of all people contacted in [REDACTED] area by captioned group. *b7c*

2. Will interview all people whose names are obtained from Mrs. [REDACTED] *b7c*

AT [REDACTED] FLORIDA

*b7c* Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] phone number [REDACTED] and handle same as leads for [REDACTED] *b7c*

AT [REDACTED] FLORIDA

Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] and cover same leads as set forth for [REDACTED] *b7c* *601-12-2*



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Tampa, Florida  
June 12, 1970

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(COLIFAM)

On June 10, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia, was contacted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She advised that she has had no personal contact or experience with the captioned group. She further advised that her only knowledge of this group was from what she has learned from other women in the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia.

She also commented that the first time she heard about the captioned group was in December, 1969 when she was in Washington, D.C. at the request of President Nixon. At that time, she heard other women talking among themselves that they were going to get mail or had received mail from their husbands or sons who were prisoners in North Vietnam. These letters were allegedly obtained through the captioned group. She learned more about this group by talking to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia; [REDACTED] California.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Minnesota [REDACTED] all of whom have husbands who are missing in action or prisoners of war in Southeast Asia.

Mrs. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she had been contacted by the captioned group and was told that her [REDACTED]

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her husband is dead. She gave [REDACTED] a copy of the letter which reads as follows:

"1/3/69

"Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

"Your wire to me in Los Angeles was forwarded to New York and I just received it. I understand and am most sympathetic.

"By now you probably have heard from the State Dept. that I received a wire on Dec. 27 from Hanoi verifying that five pilots killed 'in their air raid' and not in prison. Mr. [REDACTED] is among the five. b7c

"This news was most difficult for the Vietnamese to give me while we were in Vietnam, and needless to say is most difficult for me, as a wife and mother, to have to forward to you.

"There is little I can add, except to extend my sincerest sympathy. Further verification is, of course, unavailable here, but you must understand that the Vietnamese would have absolutely no reason to alter such facts. They have thus far been very straight with us as to the status of those about whom we have inquired.

"I understand that you have spoken with Mrs. Duckles.

"My best wishes to you and your family for the New Year, and again, I am most sorry to have to be the bearer of such news.

"/s/ Cora Weiss" b7c

Mrs. Powers also was told by Mrs. [REDACTED] that either Cora Weiss or a Reverend Fernandez had approached Mrs. [REDACTED] and informed her that they had a letter from her b7c

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husband and that she would be receiving it within the very near future. According to Mrs. Powers, over two months have passed and Mrs. [REDACTED] has not yet received the letter referred to above.

Mrs. Powers further stated that there are several women in the Tampa - Orlando area who have been contacted by the captioned group. She further advised that she does not know who they all are, but Mrs. [REDACTED] Florida, [REDACTED] *b7c*

[REDACTED] Florida, [REDACTED] would be able to furnish that information.

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IN NORTH VIETNAM  
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DATE 7-29-93 BY 9803

Re Bureau 07 to WFO, 5/4/70, and New York let to Bureau and WFO, 5/13/70, Bureau airtel to WFO etal. 5/28/70.

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An article appearing in the April 9, 1970, edition of the "Washington Evening Star", a daily newspaper published in Washington, D.C. (WDC), stated that JANE PLOWMAN spoke before the Naval Civil Engineers Corps Officers Wives Club at Fort McNair, WDC, on April 8, 1970, Mrs. PLOWMAN was

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identified as the wife of JAMES PLOWMAN a U.S. Naval Officer who has been missing in action in North Vietnam since 1967. Mrs. PLOWMAN's speech concerned the pressure applied to the wives of missing and captured U.S. military personnel by "right and left wing" organizations which seek the support of the group of women. The speech called for Congressional action against these groups, because some of them promise information about the missing men or rewards such as letters or even the release of the captured individual in return for the wife's support. The newspaper article did not specifically name any group which had been applying pressure on these women.

According to this write-up of Mrs. PLOWMAN's speech, she considered Congress to be apathetic to these women's problems, and she expressed the opinion that much more could be done to solve these problems.

On 5/22/70 [REDACTED] Naval Intelligence Command, U.S. Navy, Hoffman Building, Alexandria, Virginia advised that [REDACTED] b2c

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June 11, 1970

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IN NORTH VIETNAM. (COLIFAM)

An article which appeared in the January 20, 1970 issue of the "Daily World" stated that captioned group was formed on January 19, 1970 and opened an office at 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York. The article further stated in part that this group, at the request of the government of North Vietnam, will facilitate communication between families in the United States (U.S.) and U.S. military personnel being held prisoner in North Vietnam. The article quoted Steve Halliwell, a spokesman for the group, as stating that the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. Government, and that the U.S. military personnel imprisoned in North Vietnam are actually prisoners of the U.S. Government because they were sent to fight a war which the servicemen opposed. Halliwell also stated that these men are in the middle of a propaganda move by the U.S. Government which is prolonging the war.

The "Daily World" is characterized as an east coast Communist newspaper.

The Committee publically identifies its members on its letterhead stationery as:

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David Dellinger, Co-chairman  
Cora Weiss, Co-chairman  
Anne Bennett, Treasurer  
Kennie Davis  
Rev. Richard Fernandez  
Maggie Geddes  
Steve Halliwell  
Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Bea Seitzman  
Ethel Taylor  
Barbara Webster  
Trudi Young

David Dellinger has been publically identified as an active leader and participant in anti-war and anti-United States policy demonstrations including the March on the Pentagon, October 1967, disruption of the Democratic National Convention August 1968, and the Presidential Inauguration, January 1969. Dellinger was a co-defendant in the Chicago Conspiracy Trial. Dellinger is also publically known as the co-chairman of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC)

The NMC is described as a National steering organization, with headquarters in New York City which specializes in the formation of local and national protest and demonstration activities through a coalition of local anti Vietnam War and draft groups throughout the Nation.

Cora Weiss has been publically identified as being active in the Women Strike for Peace (WSP) and an officer in the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC).

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The WSP is a national women's pacifist organization which in the past has demonstrated against nuclear testing, the draft, the War in Vietnam, the ABH System, chemical-biological warfare and the "burgeoning military-identical complex".

Rennie Davis has been publically identified as National leader of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC). Davis is also publically known as one of the co-defendants in the Chicago Conspiracy Trial.

A characterization of SDS is contained in the appendix.

Anne Bennett has been publically identified as a staunch pacifist that has been active in the peace movement for many years.

Reverend Richard Fernandez has been publically identified as a member of the National Steering Committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), and is the executive director of the Clergy and Layman Concerned About Vietnam (CLCV).

CLCV is a anti-war, anti-draft organization of churchmen with connections to middle class America.

Stewart Meacham is believed to be identical with James Stewart Meacham who has been publically identified as an employee of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and an active member of many organizations which oppose U.S.

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policy in Vietnam. Meacham is also on the steering committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

The AFSC is a non profit organization, founded largely by the Quaker Church, which seeks solutions to both domestic and international problems through non-profit means.

Steve Halliwell has been publically identified as a member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Ethel Taylor has been publically identified as an officer in the Women's Strike for Peace, (WSP).

Barbara Webster and Trudi Young have both been publically identified as being active in the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC).

On May 25, 1970 the following individuals were contacted at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. Each person stated, often reviewing his files, that neither the captioned group nor its individual known members had registered with the U.S. Department of State pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938:

Mrs. [REDACTED] - Protocol Office, United States  
Department of State  
Mr. [REDACTED] - Desk Officer of North Vietnam  
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On May 25, 1970 Mr. Frank A. Sieverts, Special Assistant to Under Secretary of State, United States Department of State (USDS), stated that he has periodically been contacted by various members of the captioned group in connection with his official duties, which concerns the administering of the affairs of captured U.S. military personnel by North Vietnam. Sieverts advised that the USDS was opposed to the captioned group and that it has only cooperated with them when it was felt to be in the best interests of the missing men and their families. Sieverts said this group was unfriendly to the USDS and had contacted him only when they felt it was necessary for their operations. Sieverts further stated that neither the captioned group nor its individual members were registered with his office pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

On May 26, 1970 Mr. James Burke, Records Services Division, Office of Operation, USDS advised that the files of his division only contain reference to a meeting between David Dellinger and Frank A. Sieverts on July 20, 1967. Dellinger came to Sievert's office after a trip Dellinger took to North Vietnam and requested that he be allowed to retain his passport and also that it be validated to allow him to travel to Cuba. Sieverts tried to obtain information from Dellinger about his trip to North Vietnam but Dellinger was uncooperative and would only talk in a general way about conversations he had with two captured American servicemen. No other reference to the captioned group or its members was present in the USDS file.

On May 27, 1970 [REDACTED] Clerk,  
Foreign Agents Registration Section U.S. Department of Justice,

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Washington, D.C., advised there is no record of the captioned organization having registered with her office pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. *b2c*

On June 10, 1970 [REDACTED] Clerk, Foreign Agents Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC., advised none of the publically identified members of captioned group have registered with her office pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. *60 m m m*

## APPENDIX

### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventurist, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing



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and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

The PLP is characterized separately in the Appendix.

## APPENDIX

### PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

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Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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REFERENCE: Memos of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, to the Bureau dated 4/6/70 and 5/26/70; Bureau airtel to New York dated 5/28/70.

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TO BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, COLUMBIA, DENVER, LOS ANGELES, NEWARK, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one extra copy of this report for dissemination to Legat, Paris, in the event that it is deemed desirable to request the interview of Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

In view of the location of captioned organization at New York City, the New York Office is being considered Office of Origin in this matter. b7c

During interview of Mrs. [REDACTED] California, she advised that she had a conference with Attorney General MITCHELL and Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, on 5/1/70 and had asked them to conduct a vigorous investigation of captioned organization. She advised that she would be in periodic contact with Attorney General MITCHELL in order to inquire concerning the status of the FBI's investigation in this matter.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Office of Origin, all items of evidence described in this report will be maintained in the San Diego Division.

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*b2c BORNI*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has been in frequent contact with Commander ROBERT S. BOROUGHS, Naval Intelligence Command, [REDACTED], 2461 Eisenhower, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. She suggested that Commander BOROUGHS be contacted by a representative of the FBI in order to obtain from him names of individuals he may know who have been in contact with COLIFAM.

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] during her interview on 6/3/70, furnished several names of individuals whom she believes have been in contact with COLIFAM. Leads to interview those individuals are being set out below.

LEADS

ALEXANDRIA

*b2c*  
AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. Will contact Commander ROBERT S. BOROUGHS, Naval Intelligence Command, [REDACTED], 2461 Eisenhower, to obtain names of individuals who may have been in contact with captioned organization.

*b2c* COLUMBIA

AT [REDACTED] SOUTH CAROLINA. Will locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED]

*b2c* DENVER

*b2c*  
AT [REDACTED] COLORADO. Will locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES

*b2c BORNI*  
AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning her contact with CORA WEISS of COLIFAM. *b2c*

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LEADS (cont'd)

*B01-71-2*  
*b7c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] concerning her contact with Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ following his return from Hanoi about 4/20/70.

NEWARK

*b7c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] NEW JERSEY. Will locate and interview [REDACTED]

NEW YORK

interview [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] NEW YORK. Will locate and [REDACTED] concerning his visit to the offices of [REDACTED]. *b7c*

2. Will locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED] New York.

AT [REDACTED] NEW YORK. Will locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]. *b7c*

*b7c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] NEW YORK. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

*b7c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] NEW YORK. Will locate and interview [REDACTED]

PHILADELPHIA

*b7c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] PENNSYLVANIA. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] concerning her contact with ETHEL TAYLOR of COLIAFAM. *B01-71-2*

SAN FRANCISCO

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LEADS (cont'd)

*Ref 12/11/72*  
*b2c*  
Mrs. AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview  
telephone [REDACTED]

*b7c*  
interview AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Will locate and  
telephone Mrs. [REDACTED]

TAMPA

*b2c*  
[REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] FLORIDA. Will locate and interview Mrs.

SAN DIEGO

*b2c*  
Will interview AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA.  
telephone [REDACTED]

*b7c*  
Mrs. AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview  
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:SA [REDACTED]  
June 9, 1970

Office:

SAN DIEGO

Field Office File #: SD 105-7282

Bureau File #:

Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (**COLIFAM**)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;  
REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM

Synopsis:

On 6/3/70, Mrs. [REDACTED] California, furnished five letters received from COLIFAM during the period 1/27 - 5/17/70, but stated she has had no direct contact with representatives of the organization. Mrs. [REDACTED] California, advised that a representative of the Office of the Delegate General of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Paris, France, in March, 1970, personally furnished her a letter advising her to contact COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished a telegram sent 3/9/70 from that Government's representative in Paris to her residence advising her that captured American pilots in North Vietnam have been authorized to correspond with families through COLIFAM.

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DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 9, 1970

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California, furnished five letters received from  
the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York  
10036.

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has had no other  
contact or correspondence with that organization, other  
than these five letters, set forth in detail as follows:

*801-712-2*

*801-712-2*  
On 6/3/70 at [REDACTED] California File # SD 105-7282  
by [REDACTED] *b2c* Date dictated 6/9/70

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON**

**with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam**

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

ABLE ADDRESS:  
COLIAFAM

January 27, 1970

Chairmen:  
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Cora Weiss

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Mrs. Anne Bennett

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Rennie Davis  
Rev. Richard Fernandez

\*Maggie Geddes  
\*Steve Holliwell  
Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Bea Seitzman  
Ethel Taylor  
\*Barbara Webster  
\*Trudi Young

\*staff

Dear [REDACTED]

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Geddes*  
Maggie Geddes

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

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365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

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Dear [REDACTED] *bc* *for me*

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Steven E. Halliwell*  
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